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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed 6 August 2004 (Paper No. 19), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending rejections and reexamination of the present application in light of the following remarks and amendments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.